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Week Ending April 10, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2016. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 34.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 51.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Portland. Highs ranged from 66.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Corning to 80.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Dequeen. The precipitation for this week was mainly in the northern half of the state, with the highest concentration in the northeast region of the state with an average of 0.71 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 10, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	61	31	44	51
Corn, emerged	19	6	7	22
Rice, planted	33	11	17	23
Rice, emerged	3	1	2	4
Sorghum, planted	8	1	12	24
Soybeans, planted	5	0	6	6
Winter Wheat, headed	5	0	6	22

Crop condition for week ending April 10, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hay, alfalfa	5	2	71	17	5
Hay, other	4	3	41	47	5
Livestock	2	2	29	57	10
Pasture	1	7	34	50	8
Winter Wheat	3	4	35	48	10

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Spraying weeds and working cattle. Melon producers are setting plastic and irrigation.”

- J. Joe Moore, Sharp County

“It has been cold the last week. Crop emergence is taking several days. As fields dried late in the week, a large balance of our corn was planted while rice planted started to take off.”

-Allen Davis, Greene County

“Row crop farmers back in the field working/planting on those fields that are dry enough. There are still lots of fields to wet to prepare for planting. Cool season forages made moderate growth during the week. A few cattle producers worked calves during the week.”

- Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Stripe rust is showing up in several wheat fields, with severe infestation in susceptible varieties.”

- Kevin VanPelt, Conway County

“Cool soil and air temperatures hindering new planting and crop germination. Still about 10 days from cotton and grain sorghum planting target. Rain in forecast early next week.”

-Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“Farmers returned to the field after heavy rainfall from previous week. Corn planting will be wrapping up and focus placed on rice and early season soybean planting. Emerging corn is having difficulty coming through the rain packed soil surface. Livestock continue to chase early green grass and deal with gnats.”

-Brent Griffin, Prairie County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 10, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	67.6	43.3	55.4	53.8	1.6	0.11	1	NA	1.75	NA
Lead Hill	68.6	38.7	53.6	52.6	1.1	0.11	1	-0.85	1.86	-2.11
Winslow	67.4	46.4	56.9	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	2.60	NA
Extreme/Average	67.9	42.8	55.3	53.2	1.4	0.09	1	-0.85	2.08	-2.11
North Central										
Calico Rock	69.7	36.1	52.9	54.4	-1.5	0.05	1	-1.01	2.53	-1.77
Evening Shade	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gilbert	71.6	34.9	53.2	55.3	-2.1	0.10	1	-0.90	1.90	-2.20
Mammoth Spring	71.1	39.6	55.4	54.3	1.1	0.20	2	-0.90	3.00	-1.30
Mountain Home	70.8	43.5	57.2	55.8	1.6	0.18	1	-0.68	2.95	-1.24
Mountain View	70.7	44.7	57.7	56.7	1.0	0.64	2	-0.44	3.73	-0.44
Extreme/Average	70.8	39.8	55.3	55.3	0.0	0.23	2	-0.78	2.82	-1.37
Northeast										
Corning	66.0	42.7	54.4	57.4	-3.1	0.16	2	-0.86	4.91	0.79
Jonesboro	69.6	42.2	55.9	56.9	-0.7	NA	0	-0.75	7.07	3.29
Keiser	71.5	46.5	59.0	58.5	1.0	3.61	2	2.87	9.24	5.29
Newport	66.9	46.3	56.6	57.8	-1.2	0.17	1	-0.89	7.92	3.66
Pocahontas	70.1	42.7	56.4	55.7	0.7	0.20	2	-0.80	5.00	0.90
Searcy	70.9	46.3	58.6	57.8	0.7	0.12	2	-0.95	7.08	2.73
Extreme/Average	69.2	44.4	56.8	57.3	-0.4	0.71	2	-0.23	6.87	2.78
West Central										
Booneville	76.7	43.5	60.1	57.4	2.7	0.08	1	-0.67	2.46	-0.93
Dardanelle	76.1	45.3	60.7	59.8	0.9	0.17	1	NA	3.30	NA
Mena	76.1	45.0	60.6	56.1	4.5	0.05	1	-1.05	2.84	-1.73
Subiaco	74.0	46.3	60.1	58.3	1.9	0.20	1	-0.68	3.21	-0.50
Waldron	75.0	40.0	57.5	56.8	0.7	0.11	1	-0.76	1.83	-1.87
Extreme/Average	75.6	44.0	59.8	57.7	2.1	0.12	1	-0.79	2.73	-1.26
Central										
Alum Fork	72.7	43.3	58.0	57.3	0.7	0.07	1	-1.06	2.86	-1.78
Cabot	76.5	44.0	60.3	57.9	2.3	0.12	1	-0.74	5.30	1.26
Conway	74.9	44.3	59.6	58.0	1.5	0.12	1	-0.98	4.23	-0.38
Hot Springs	74.9	48.7	61.8	59.4	2.3	0.06	1	-1.12	3.52	-1.25
Morrilton	74.3	43.1	58.7	57.4	1.3	0.10	1	-0.87	2.77	-1.41
Extreme/Average	74.7	44.7	59.7	58.0	1.6	0.09	1	-0.95	3.74	-0.71
East Central										
Brinkley	68.7	45.3	57.0	58.4	-1.4	0.00	0	-1.06	5.30	1.20
Des Arc	71.3	47.9	59.6	59.7	-0.1	0.12	2	-1.06	5.65	1.08
Keo	72.7	48.4	60.6	60.7	-0.1	0.06	1	-1.09	4.68	0.34
Stuttgart	74.8	50.2	62.5	59.0	3.8	0.00	0	-0.82	4.87	0.83
West Memphis	69.6	46.3	57.9	58.3	-0.4	0.32	2	-0.77	5.04	0.63
Extreme/Average	71.4	47.6	59.5	59.2	0.3	0.10	2	-0.96	5.11	0.82
Southwest										
Ashdown	71.9	43.3	57.6	NA	NA	0.00	0	-0.89	2.96	-1.26
Dequeen	80.8	46.8	63.8	58.3	5.7	0.00	0	-0.74	2.08	-2.12
Hope	77.3	44.4	60.9	59.4	1.5	0.00	0	-1.00	2.10	-2.10
Murfreesboro	75.7	40.1	57.9	57.3	0.6	0.00	0	-1.12	5.20	0.48
Nashville	77.9	43.4	60.6	60.1	0.5	0.00	0	-1.00	2.10	-2.30
Extreme/Average	76.7	43.6	60.2	58.8	2.1	0.00	0	-0.95	2.88	-1.46
South Central										
Camden	79.7	46.3	63.0	60.5	2.6	0.00	0	-0.85	2.79	-1.29
Fordyce	77.0	45.0	61.0	58.3	2.7	0.00	0	-1.08	6.05	1.44
Magnolia	77.2	43.7	60.4	60.1	0.4	0.00	0	-0.87	1.80	-1.87
Prescott	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sparkman	77.8	41.5	59.7	58.9	0.9	0.00	0	-0.94	4.17	0.29
Extreme/Average	77.9	44.1	61.0	59.4	1.6	0.00	0	-0.90	3.70	-0.40
Southeast										
Crossett	79.2	43.8	61.5	59.7	1.8	0.00	0	-1.00	4.50	0.40
Eudora	78.4	49.9	64.1	62.4	1.8	0.00	0	-1.30	1.50	-2.90
Pine Bluff	75.0	47.1	61.1	60.3	0.8	0.00	0	-1.04	3.12	-1.19
Portland	75.5	51.2	63.3	60.5	2.8	0.01	1	-0.91	5.31	1.31
Rohwer	74.3	49.3	61.8	60.3	1.7	0.00	0	-0.92	3.64	-0.23
Extreme/Average	76.5	48.3	62.4	60.6	1.8	0.00	1	-1.02	3.60	-0.52
State	73.3	44.4	58.9	57.8	1.1	0.17	1	-0.81	3.88	-0.30

DFN = Departure from Normal.

Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.

NA = Not Available.